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Changes

- This Change Transmittal issues updates to 12 FAM 050. This subchapter has undergone an extensive review, including the addition of new language regarding MOUs and MOAs; newly crafted language regarding bureau strategic and operational planning and the OSPB and OSPB Executive Secretariat; updates to the DS clearance procedures, both internally and Department-wide; newly drafted language regarding special conditions posts; and various office symbol and other minor language changes.
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